

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 13-16 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 11-12 are allowed.

Claims 1, 3-10 and 17-20 are rejected.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 1, 3-10 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 3-4 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-10 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi (U.S. 6,780,748) and Chu (U.S. 6,400,021).

Claims 3-4 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi and Cho as applied to claim 2, and further in combination with Peng (U.S. 6,444,295).

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi and Chu as applied to claim 19 supra, and further in combination with Yunus (U.S. 2003/0234447).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11 and 12 are allowed.

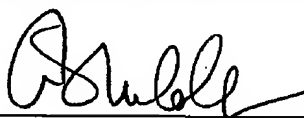
This amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 11 into claim 10 and cancels claim 10. Applicant has, however, changed the term *non-planar surface* in claim 11 to *embossed* in amended claim 10 to provide proper antecedent basis. As a result, claim 10—and claim 12, which depends therefrom—should be allowable.

Applicant has also amended claims 1 and 17, the other two independent claims still pending, to include limitations that correspond generally to those in allowed claim 11. It should be noted that claim 1 as amended above incorporates the limitations of claim 6, now canceled, which the examiner rejected. Applicant requests reexamination and reconsideration of claim 6 in view of the allowance of claim 11. Due to the similarity in scope between claims 1, as amended above, and allowed claim 11, claim 1 should also be allowed for the same reasons as claim 11, as should claim 17.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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